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PACKARD, FAITH EVELYN

Strong, 1907-

FAITH EVELYN PACKARD, WITH VALLEY  
STRONG, 1907

Faith Evelyn Packard was born in Strong, Maine, in 1907, and is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard of Crown Point, New York. She has resided in Andover, Eastport, Newcastle and Limerick besides Strong. She attended Limerick Academy three years and then went to Cushing Academy. Miss Packard is a graduate of the latter and of Massachusetts State College, and took her M.A. in English Literature at Wellesley College. Mr. Packard was pastor at New Vineyard and Strong churches for four years, some thirty years ago.

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THE POETS PRESS, NATIONAL POETRY CENTER  
takes pleasure in announcing  
the forthcoming publication

O N L Y     T H E     S O F T     W I N D

BY

FAITH EVELYN PACKARD

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Walter E. Prince, Professor of English,  
Massachusetts State College, comments:  
'With this collection, 'Only The Soft  
Wind,' a poet who deserves well to be  
known, makes her bow to the poetry-  
loving public. Characterized by sincer-  
ity, by delicacy of fancy and expression  
and often by a captivating sprite-like  
quality, Miss Packard's work shows, too,  
an unexpected strength. Her poetry de-  
lights the reader by this unlooked for  
power as well as by its nimbleness and  
grace, its very evident feeling for the  
wonder and mystery of nature and of life.  
Here surely are poems no lover of poetry  
can afford to miss.'

Some of the poems have appeared in  
Outstanding American Poets, American  
Lyric Poetry, Yearbook of Contemporary  
Poetry, American Women Poets, Christmas  
Lyrics and many other anthologies.

Faith Evelyn Packard is the daughter  
of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Packard of  
Crown Point, New York.

L. Lamprey, author of "Masters of the  
Guild", "All the Ways of Building" and  
other books, states: "Faith Packard's  
poems have a quality that is individ-  
ual, distinct and elusive. They are  
like a wild orchid in Northern woods,  
or a bit of carved jade, and they are  
essentially of to-day. This is as it  
should be. Every generation is its  
own proper interpreter."

Miss Packard comments on her work:  
"These poems, the expression of moments  
of inspiration and reflection, were  
written with no definite intention of  
publication, but simply because they  
had to be written, in the sense that a  
man who is hungry must eat. It is hoped  
that they will find a response in others,  
however few, to a deeper love of the  
beautiful and a wider sympathy toward  
their fellowman."

The author is a native of Maine. She  
graduated from Cushing Academy and Mas-  
sachusetts State College, where she taught  
English following her graduation. Miss  
Packard then received a scholarship to  
Wellesley College where she took her  
M.A. in English Literature. Afterward  
she became Editor and contributor to  
the publication, "Program Hints." She  
also taught at Granville High School.

November 10, 1939

Miss Faith E. Packard  
Crown Point  
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

From information which has come to us, we understand that you have some connection with Maine, and we wonder if you were perhaps born in this state.

We write particularly on account of the Maine Author Collection, which is an exhibit of about a thousand books written by persons born in Maine or resident here, or which have as a setting Maine background. Most of these books are inscribed, presentation copies; and they, together with the biographical information which we also collect, form an interesting and valuable panorama of Maine literature.

It will be our good fortune if we may include you in our literary roster, and your book, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, in the collection. We hope this may be possible; and we will very much appreciate your kindness in sending us some biographical information, for which purpose we enclose a return envelope.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY



CROWN POINT, N. Y.  
ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN

November 15, 1939

Hilda McLeod, Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

I am sending you a copy of my first book of poetry, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, for the Maine Author Collection in the State Library. I shall be pleased to have it there. I am sorry that my copies of the pre-publication announcement (with my photograph, biographical material, and comments of critics and authors) are all gone. You might possibly get one by writing to my publisher, Anita Browne, Editor of the Poets Press, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

In addition to Strong, Maine, where I was born in 1907, we lived also in Andover, <sup>EAST PORT,</sup> Newcastle and Limerick. I attended Limerick Academy three years before going to Cushing.

If there should be any orders for my book, I would be glad to fill them. I have copies on hand, and the price is \$2.00

Very truly yours,

Faith E. Packard

November 21, 1939

Miss Faith E. Packard  
Crown Point  
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

The autographed copy of your book of poems, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, has been received; and we hasten to send you our sincere thanks for such a charming volume to place in the Maine Author Collection.

We are delighted to add your name to the list of Maine writers, and especially so on the merits of such an attractive book. The library must of course have a copy for lending, and you will receive shortly an official order for a copy, which need not be autographed.

At your suggestion, we wrote to Miss Browne of the Poets Press, regarding biographical and similar data, and we trust that she may be able to supply us with some for our files.

Please accept again our enthusiastic thanks for the lovely volume of poetry, ONLY THE SOFT WIND, and our very cordial invitation to visit the Maine Author Collection if you should find yourself in Augusta.

Very truly yours

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CROWN POINT, N. Y.  
ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Dec. 14, 1939

Hilda McLeod, Secretary  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Miss McLeod:

My publisher has  
informed me that there  
are no more pre-publication  
order forms of my book  
left. I managed to ob-  
tain one from a friend,  
and am sorry that it  
is not in better condition.  
At a later date, I may



have some more printed, and  
when I do, will send you  
one to replace it.

I shall be glad to  
furnish any other inform-  
ation you wish.

Sincerely,

Faith E. Packard.

December 16, 1939

Miss Faith E. Packard  
Crown Point  
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

Thank you very much indeed for your thoughtful cooperation in sending us the picture and advance announcement. We are delighted to add this material to our files, and appreciate the care which you took in securing the leaflet.

We believe that this completes the information which we wished; but if, at any time, additional data becomes available, we will of course hope to have a copy.

Thank you again for your fine interest and generosity in the Maine Author Collection; and please accept our sincere greetings of the season.

Very truly yours

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CROWN POINT, N. Y.  
ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN

January 9, 1940

Hilda M. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

A month ago I sent a bill of \$2.00 to the State Library for a copy of my book of poetry, "Only the Soft Wind," and have not yet received payment. Would it be possible for you to look into the matter? It may be that I did not follow directions explicitly. Thanking you, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
Faith Packard.

January 11, 1940

Miss Faith E. Packard  
Crown Point  
New York

Dear Miss Packard:

Thank you for writing to inquire about your bill for two dollars. We have investigated the matter, and although we regret that you have been inconvenienced by the delay, we are glad to report that the invoice has been approved for payment and has been forwarded to the Controller's office. You should receive a check within a short time from the State Treasurer.

As you probably know, State regulations require more or less red tape before a bill, no matter how simple or how small may be paid; but we trust that it will now move along the proper channels smoothly, and that you will have a check for the amount in the near future.

Very truly yours

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